Drought situation in the country

148. SHRI SHYAMAL CHAKRABORTY:
SHRI MOINUL HASSAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States facing drought situation;

(b) whether the Ministry earlier undermined the gravity of drought situation in the country;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps Government has taken so far to face the challenge?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS) : (a) During South-West Monsoon 2009 the following 12 States have declared drought/drought like conditions/scarcity in the entire State or some districts of the State:

1) Andhra Pradesh

2) Assam

3) Bihar

4) Himachal Pradesh

5) Jharkhand

6) Karnataka

7) Madhya Pradesh

8) Maharashtra

9) Manipur

10) Nagaland

11) Rajasthan

12) Uttar Pradesh

(b) and (c) The Government was constantly monitoring the situation with the India Meteorological Department and the State Governments and undertook such steps as required to mitigate the crisis.

(d) The steps taken so far to face the challenge are given in the enclosed statement [Refer to the Statement appended to the Answer to USQ 133] Part (a)

Future of agriculture

149. SHRI SHYAMAL CHAKRABORTY:
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state: